

Re: CLARK, JOHN

August 28, 1980

Information Report
re: Flynn/Clark

Dear,

The following are excerpts from 1) the original LaVenda Class Action Complaint and 2) an article from the Journal of the American Medical Association dated July 20, 1979 entitled Cults by Dr. John G. Clark:

Flynn Complaint:

"through highly programmed behavioral control techniques, the normal judgmental reactions of the subject are removed, his attention and direction are narrowed and focused on matters established by the auditor and the subject's state of mind is gradually altered until it becomes an independent structure..." (pg.1;1)

Clark Article:

"Through highly programmed behavioral control techniques and in a controlled environment, the subject's attention is narrowed and focused to the point of becoming a trance...this state is maintained during several sleep periods until it becomes an independent structure." (pg.4;1)

Flynn Complaint:

"During the period of "disassociation", new information relative to Scientology is absorbed at an accelerated rate and it rapidly becomes integral to the available mechanisms of the mind." (pg.1;2)

Clark Article:

"...throughout this period of focused attention, new information is absorbed at an accelerated rate and rapidly becomes integral to the available mechanisms of the mind." (pg.4;3)

Flynn Complaint:

"As a result, the subject becomes dependent on this new environment for definitions of reality." (pg.1;3)

Clark Article:

"As a result, the convert becomes dependent on this new environment for definitions of reality." (pg.4;4)

Flynn Complaint:

"The loss of privacy and sleep in a bizarre new atmosphere, change of language, and continuous supervision and an onslaught of information that sustains the continued state of disassociation." (pg.2;1)

Clark Article:

"The loss of privacy and sleep in a bizzare new atmosphere, change in language, and continuous control of excitement level amount to an onslaught of information that sustains the continued state of disassociation (pg.4;2)

Flynn Complaint:

"From this level, the Scientologists-auditors control not only the forms of action of a subject but also the content of thought through auditing training and conditioning." (pg.2;2)

Clark Article:

"From this stage the group controls not only the forms of action but also the content of thought through confessions, training, and conditioning." (pg.4;5)

It is quite obvious where the material for this section of Flynn's original Class Action Complaint came from.

There are several possible uses of this data: 1) PR actions as needed to show Flynn-ARM link 2) if case ever goes to trial eliminating Clark as an Oubias witness completely. 3) using this data to show Flynn is attacking religion and not just Scientology as Clark's quotes are in regards to experiences of persons in a wide variety of religions - Clark has publicly stated he believes Catholics are brainwashed, etc. Clark's exact quote in this area is not on hand at this time but Clark is not exclusive in his attacks on religion.

Thought this would be of interest. This is OK.